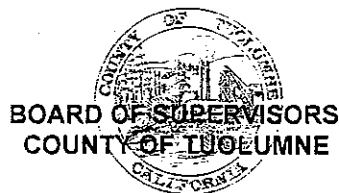


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RE: Draft EIR for general waste discharge requirements for biosolids land application

Dear Mr. Thompson:

On behalf of the Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors, Solid Waste Committee, thank you for the opportunity to respond to the above.

We recommend that the final EIR address the following:

1. Analyze the necessary funds and staffing needed to adequately administer this program.

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As you are aware, biosolids are used as a soil amendment in over 75% of counties. We are pleased to see your agency propose a protective statewide biosolids management program to address escalating proposals for land application reuse of biosolids. We support the use of land application of biosolids only when it can be done in a manner that does not pose any significant threat to public health, water quality and the long term sustainability of agricultural land. Your agency's proposed program will only be acceptable on the provision that funds and staffing resources are allocated to adequately administer the program.

Sincerely,

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6-1. See Master Response 1.